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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, the Applicants elect Group II comprising claims 1-12, 14-22 and 26-31 for further prosecution, with traverse. The election is with traverse since the basis of restriction is improper. Combination claims 23-25 include the features of sub-combination claims 14, 18 and 1, respectively. Therefore, claims 23-25 must be examined with the other claims from the elected group. See MPEP 806.05(c).

Also, claim 13 must be rejoined as it depends from claim 1.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) as may be deemed necessary, should the Patent Office persist with the restriction.

Early favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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